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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
McBride et al.

Serial No.: 10/701,038

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For: P153 AND P156 ANTIGENS FOR THE  
IMMUNODIAGNOSIS OF CANINE AND  
HUMAN EHRLICHIOSES AND USES  
THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Robert A. Zeman

Atty. Dkt. No.: D6481US/CLFR:235US

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 25, 2005**

**MS AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants request an extension of time of two months to and including September 25, 2005, in which to file their response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the extension fee is \$225.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$225.00 and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/CLFR:235US/CPL.

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Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheets.